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Re: Letter of Support for CURES 1999 Grant Proposal

I, Dennis Pooler, Yuba County Agricultural Commissioner have reviewed a draft proposal developed by the Coalition for Urban/Rural Environmental Stewardship (CURES) in response to the CALFED request for proposals. I readily support the concept of promoting stewardship practices to reduce non-point source pollution from pesticides used in agricultural and urban settings.

Currently in Yuba County, growers are involved in a voluntary program to reduce or eliminate surface water contamination from certain pesticides used as dormant sprays in agricultural operations. The CURES proposal addresses the problem on a much larger scale in that the objective of eliminating or reducing the threat of water quality degradation and adverse effects on fish, and the habitat of fish and other species from the beneficial use of crop protection and nutrient products, includes a wider range of materials over a larger geographic area.

As the county government official charged with enforcing pesticide laws and regulations to protect agriculture and the public health and the environment in Yuba County, I am very much in favor of outreach programs which seek voluntary compliance from affected users of crop protection and nutrient products through education. The project description and tasks outlined in the draft proposal present a well-rounded approach to reducing or eliminating a potentially serious problem.

Sincerely,

Dennis Pooler, Agricultural Commissioner
Yuba County

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